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(SALT TWO-1842)

- STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR EARLE
- AUGUST 15, 1978

MR. MINISTER:

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TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF DIS-
MANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF ARMS IN EXCESS OF THE 2250
AGGREGATE LIMIT, AND TO COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT MADE BY
THE SOVIET DELEGATION ON AUGUST 9.

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THE SIDES HAVE AGREED TO REDUCTIONS IN THE OVERALL
AGGREGATE OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS FROM THE 2400 LEVEL
TO A 2250 LEVEL. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROPOSED THAT
REDUCTIONS TO THE 2250 AGGREGATE LEVEL BE INITIATED BY
JANUARY 1, 1980, THAT THEY BE CARRIED OUT AT A STEADY
RATE, AND THAT THEY BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER

31, 1980. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT REDUCTIONS WERE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE PROTOCOL PERIOD, THEREBY PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROCEED WITH FURTHER REDUCTIONS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED SHOULD BE GOALS OF SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SOVIET SIDE HAS STATED THAT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS THE INITIATION OF REDUCTIONS TO THE 2250 LEVEL SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 1980. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT GIVEN ANY EXPLANATION OF THESE PRACTICAL REASONS FOR DELAYING THE INITIATION OF SUCH REDUCTIONS.

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BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE INDICATED THAT THOSE ARMS WHICH ARE IN EXCESS OF THE AGREED AGGREGATE LEVEL SHOULD BE PUT INTO A STATE OF ASSURED INOPERABILITY. TO IMPLEMENT THIS CONCEPT, THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 24 PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE DRAFT TREATY WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE ASSURED INOPERABILITY OF ARMS IN EXCESS OF THE 2250 AGGREGATE LIMIT BY APRIL 30, 1980.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE PROVISIONS FOR INTERIM MEASURES WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE THE OPERATIONAL USE OF EXCESS ARMS, PENDING COMPLETION OF DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION. THE CONCEPT OF PUTTING SUCH
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EXCESS ARMS INTO A STATE WHICH PRECLUDES THEIR COMBAT USE, WHICH WE BELIEVE TO BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, WAS FIRST SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT YET MADE A PROPOSAL WITH REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT.

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THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS ALSO INDICATED ITS AGREEMENT THAT DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT A STEADY RATE. THE UNITED STATES HAS PROPOSED THAT SUCH AN APPROACH BE IMPLEMENTED BY DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF ONE THIRD OF ALL ARMS IN EXCESS OF THE 2250 AGGREGATE LEVEL BY JUNE 30, 1980; OF TWO THIRDS BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1980; AND OF THE FINAL THIRD BY DECEMBER 31, 1980. THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS SYSTEMS IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, AND IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET SIDE HAS INDICATED ITS AGREEMENT TO THE CONCEPT OF A STEADY RATE OF DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION, IT HAS NOT YET MADE A PROPOSAL WITH REGARD TO THIS SUBJECT.

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THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE
FURTHER VIEWS OF THE SOVIET SIDE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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